

PATENT/DESIGN PATENT

DECLARATION

As a below-named inventor, I(we) hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS FOR REMOVING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS FROM WITHIN THE RUNNER DISKS OF A DOUBLE-SIDED POLISHING MACHINE

(Insert invention title)

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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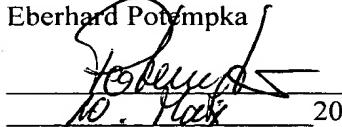
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 Title APPARATUS FOR REMOVING SEMICONDUCTOR)
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Peter Wolters Werkzeugmaschinen GmbH , as assignee of
(Name of Company)

the entire interest of the above identified patent application, hereby appoints the following attorneys to insert the docket no., filing date and application number of said application above when known; to prosecute this application and any application claiming priority therefrom; to execute any terminal disclaimers on behalf of assignee; and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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Dated this 10 day of May, 2000

(Name of Company) Peter Wolters Werkzeugmaschinen GmbH

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VERIFIED STATEMENT
CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS

(ASSIGNEE FORM)

Docket No. H01.2-9276

As a representative of the below named company I hereby state that:

1. I am empowered to act on behalf of the Company in making the following statements to establish status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9.

2. By assignment of all right, title and interest in and to the invention described above, the Company is the owner of the subject matter of a patent application identified above, the docket no., filing date and application number of which application may be inserted above by any attorney of Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus, P.A., when known.

3. The company has not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed any rights in and to the invention, and is not under any obligation, contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights to said invention to any other party.

4. The Company is a business concern which presently employs less than 500 persons.

5. Based upon the above facts, it is believed that the Company is a Small Business for paying reduced fees as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d).

6. The company acknowledges its duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 C.F.R. §1.28(b)).

7. The Company hereby declares that all statements made herein of its own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Dated: 10. May 2000

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